



**National Survey
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Hobart and William Smith Colle

Selected Comparison Groups

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NSSE participants are able to customize their *Institutional Reports* by tailoring up to three comparison groups. In May and June of 2009, your institution was invited to select comparison groups via the "Report Form" on the Institution Interface. This Selected Comparison Groups Report summarizes how your institution selected its comparison groups and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE reports display results for each institution alongside three comparison group columns. Institutions have the option to customize each column to a recommended default group of institutions. NSSE comparison groups may be customized in several ways. Contacts may identify specific institutions, create a list of all current-year NSSE participants, create the list using institutional criteria, or begin with institutional criteria, then add or remove specific institutions to refine the comparison group.

If an institution does not select a customized comparison group, NSSE provides default comparison groups which we have found to provide relevant comparisons for most institutions. If your institution opted for any of the default groups, they are:

Comparison Group 1 - For institutions not participating in a NSSE consortium, this group contains current-year NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (private/public). For consortium institutions, this group contains results for the other consortium members.

Comparison Group 2 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification.

Comparison Group 3 - All other current-year U.S. NSSE institutions (Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

The terms "comp. group 1," "comp. group 2," and "comp. group 3" correspond to the selected comparison group locations in the institutional report. In NSSEville's example below, comp. group 1 is "Mid East Public", comp. group 2 "Carnegie Class" and comp. group 3 "NSSE 2009".

				Your Institution's Responses	Comp. Group 1 or Consortium	Comp. Group 2	Comp. Group 3
				NSSEville State	Mid East Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2009
Variable	Benchmark	Class		Mean ^a	Mean ^a Sig ^b	Effect Size ^c	Mean ^a Sig ^b Effect Size ^c
I. Academic and Intellectual Experiences							
<i>In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following? 1=Never, 2=Sometimes, 3=Of ten, 4=Very often</i>							
a.	Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions	CLQUEST	ACL FY	2.94	2.61 *** .40	2.64 *** .35	2.78 *
			SR	3.25	2.90 *** .39	2.91 *** .39	3.07 *
b.	Made a class presentation	CLPRESEN	ACL FY	2.22	2.11 ** .14	2.14 * .10	2.27
			SR	3.11	2.65 *** .54	2.65 *** .54	2.80 *

The Selected Comparison Groups report consists of a summary page that details when and how your comparison groups were selected (or if you received default due to not completing the Report Form) and three sections that provide comparison group details for each of the three report columns.

Comp. Group Name
Comparison group name in your reports.

Institution Names
The name, city and state of the comparison institutions are listed for your review.

Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for NSSEville State University. The institutions listed below are represented in the "Mid East Public" column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution did not identify a comparison group 1. The default group includes all institutions in your geographic region and sector (public/private).

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA *

- Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):
- Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):
- Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):
- Sector(s) (public/private): 1
- Undergraduate enrollment(s):
- Locale(s):
- Geographic Region(s): 2
- State(s):
- Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City	State
Binghamton University (State University of New York)	Binghamton	NY
Bloomburg University of Pennsylvania	Bloomsburg	PA
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Cheyney	PA

How Group was Selected
Indicates whether your comparison group was drawn from a list, built using criteria, or is the default.

Selection Criteria
If criteria were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here. The criterion codes are explained on the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Code.

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SUMMARY - Comparison Group Selection

This page provides an overview of how your three NSSE 2009 comparison groups were selected. These groups were either (a) by your institution through the *Report Form* located on the NSSE Institution Interface or (b) defaults assigned because your institution did not complete the *Report Form*. Included below are the date the groups were submitted, the method used to pick them, the labels your institutional contact provided for each group, the number of institutions in each group, and a short description of the group as written by the contact at the time of submission. The following pages list the institutions selected for each comparison group.

COMPARISON GROUP 1 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/3/09
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.
 Column Label: Financial Comparison
 Number of Institutions: 8
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Financial Comparison Group

COMPARISON GROUP 2 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/3/09
 Selection Method: DEFAULT GROUP - Institution Selected
 Column Label: Carnegie Class
 Number of Institutions: 94
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group:

COMPARISON GROUP 3 SELECTION

Date Submitted: 6/3/09
 Selection Method: Comparators for this column were picked from a list of NSSE2009 participants.
 Column Label: Selected LA Colleges
 Number of Institutions: 6
 The Reason Your Institution Provided For Choosing This Group: Selected liberal arts colleges (aspirational group)

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Comparison Group 1 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 1 institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Financial Comparison' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparison reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2009 participants.

SELECTED PEER GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 1 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City
Colgate University	Hamilton
College of the Holy Cross	Worcester
Dickinson College	Carlisle
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster
Lafayette College	Easton
The College of Wooster	Wooster
Union College	Schenectady
Wheaton College	Norton

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

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Comparison Group 2 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 2 institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Carnegie Class' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons tables.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

Your institution selected the default group of all institutions with the same 2005 Basic Carnegie Classification.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s): 21

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City
Augustana College	Rock Island
Austin College	Sherman
Bennington College	Bennington
Berry College	Mount Berry
Bloomfield College	Bloomfield
Brevard College	Brevard
Bryn Mawr College	Bryn Mawr
Burlington College	Burlington
Calvin College	Grand Rapids
Carleton College	Northfield
Carroll College	Helena
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport
Centre College	Danville
Colgate University	Hamilton
College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor

^a See the Comparison Group Selection Criteria Codelist for code details.

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City
College of the Holy Cross	Worcester
Concordia College	Bronxville
Cornell College	Mount Vernon
DePauw University	Greencastle
Dickinson College	Carlisle
Earlham College	Richmond
Eckerd College	Saint Petersburg
Emory and Henry College	Emory
Ferrum College	Ferrum
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster
Furman University	Greenville
Gordon College	Wenham
Goshen College	Goshen
Goucher College	Baltimore
Green Mountain College	Poultney
Hanover College	Hanover
Harvey Mudd College	Claremont
Hastings College	Hastings
Hendrix College	Conway
Hiram College	Hiram
Hope College	Holland
Judson College	Marion
Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro
Lafayette College	Easton
Lane College	Jackson
Lycoming College	Williamsport
Marlboro College	Marlboro
Martin University	Indianapolis
Marymount Manhattan College	New York
McDaniel College	Westminster
McPherson College	McPherson
Meredith College	Raleigh
Merrimack College	North Andover
Millikin University	Decatur
Millsaps College	Jackson
Monmouth College	Monmouth
Morehouse College	Atlanta
Northland College	Ashland
Oberlin College	Oberlin
Occidental College	Los Angeles
Peace College	Raleigh
Presbyterian College	Clinton
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland
Randolph College	Lynchburg
Rhodes College	Memphis
Roanoke College	Salem
Saint Anselm College	Manchester
Scripps College	Claremont
Sewanee: The University of the South	Sewanee
Siena College	Loudonville
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Laurinburg
St. Mary's College of Maryland	Saint Mary's City

COMPARISON GROUP 2 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City
Stephens College	Columbia
Susquehanna University	Selinsgrove
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin
The College of Wooster	Wooster
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise
Thiel College	Greenville
Transylvania University	Lexington
Union College	Schenectady
University of Hawaii-West Oahu	Pearl City
University of Hawaii at Hilo	Hilo
Ursinus College	Collegeville
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington
Wabash College	Crawfordsville
Washington & Jefferson College	Washington
Washington College	Chestertown
Wells College	Aurora
Wesleyan College	Macon
Westminster College	Fulton
Wheaton College	Wheaton
Wheaton College	Norton
Willamette University	Salem
William Jewell College	Liberty
Wingate University	Wingate
Wisconsin Lutheran College	Milwaukee
Wittenberg University	Springfield
Wofford College	Spartanburg

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Comparison Group 3 Details

This report displays the 2009 comparison group 3 institutions for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institutions listed below are represented in the 'Selected LA Colleges' column of the Respondent Characteristics, Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparison reports.

HOW GROUP WAS SELECTED

You selected specific institutions from a list of NSSE 2009 participants.

SELECTED COMPARISON GROUP CRITERIA ^a

Basic 2005 Carnegie Classification(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Graduate Instructional Program(s):

Carnegie - Enrollment Profile(s):

Carnegie - Undergraduate Profile(s):

Carnegie - Size and Setting(s):

Sector(s) (public/private):

Undergraduate enrollment(s):

Locale(s):

Geographic Region(s):

State(s):

Barron's admissions selectivity ratings(s):

COMPARISON GROUP 3 INSTITUTIONS

Institution Name	City
Carleton College	Northfield
Colgate University	Hamilton
DePauw University	Greencastle
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster
Lafayette College	Easton
Oberlin College	Oberlin

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